1. The Queensland Government is committed to growing the Queensland economy through a vibrant biofuels and bio-manufacturing industry which will support regional Queensland. One way to support the Queensland biofuels industry is a biofuels mandate.
2. In June 2015, the Government released a discussion paper on a proposed mandate for ethanol and biobased diesel. There is strong community support for biofuels and the biofuels mandate. In response to feedback to the discussion paper, several changes were required to the Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol and Other Biofuels Mandate) Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill).
3. The Bill will support the development of a sustainable biofuels industry that can help Queensland transition to a clean energy economy, contribute to regional growth and job creation and promote the development of advanced biofuel production techniques.
4. The Bill will require a certain volume of ethanol and biobased diesel to be sold in Queensland. The initial requirements will be that:
	* Two per cent of the total volume of regular unleaded and ethanol-blended petrol sold in Queensland should be ethanol.
	* 0.5 per cent of diesel sales should be biobased diesel.
5. These percentages can be increased over time by regulation.
6. By making the mandates a percentage of the total volume of fuel sold, the Bill will give certainty to industry while maintaining customer choice at the bowser.
7. The Bill also includes measures to ensure that the feedstock used to produce ethanol and biodiesel to fulfil the mandate is from sustainable sources, ensuring a balanced and sustainable approach to growth.
8. Cabinet noted the outcomes of the consultation program on the biofuels mandate.
9. Cabinet approved the release of the Consultation Report.
10. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol and Other Biofuels Mandate) Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
11. *Attachments*
* [Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol and Other Biofuels Mandate) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Note](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Consultation Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)